Question: 1

Is the sponsor interested in proposals addressing a situational awareness framework for chemical forensics (e.g. if you detect chemical X, know synthetic route Y, and have intel info Z – what can you conclude?)

Response: 1

BAA14-001 Technical Focus Area (TFA) 1 focuses on the development of optimal methods and analytical techniques for conducting comprehensive forensics analyses of toxic chemical samples by using Chemical Attribution Signatures as a means for sample matching and source determination. The development of a means to integrate and exploit chemical type, synthetic pathway and intelligence information is beyond the scope of this targeted BAA. An unsolicited proposal can be submitted in accordance with Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 0750.1. The unsolicited proposal can be submitted at unsolicited-proposal@hq.dhs.gov. More information is available at http://www.dhs.gov/unsolicited-proposals.

Question: 2

Is this a follow-on requirement? If so, could you please provide the incumbent contract number for this opportunity? If not, is this a new requirement?

Response: 2

This requirement is not a follow on requirement or a new requirement. It is a Broad Agency Announcement which utilizes a selection of technical subjects that are of interest to DHS S&T. This requirement has a number of technical focus areas on which any offeror can submit a white paper. White papers are evaluated by technical personnel and a determination is made whether or not DHS shall request for full proposals. Invitations are sent out to offerors to submit full proposals based on the information provided in the submitted white papers. Multiple contracts are issued to multiple offerors based on final full proposal evaluations.